

INK JET RECORDING HEAD AND METHOD OF PRODUCING A PLATE
MEMBER FOR AN INK JET RECORDING HEAD

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an ink jet recording head in
which a piezoelectric vibrator of a longitudinal vibration mode is
used as a driving source, and more particularly to a structure of
10 an elastic plate which receives a pressure due to a displacement
of a piezoelectric vibrator, and also to a method of producing
such a plate.

In order to improve the recording density, the pitch of
nozzle opening rows tends to be reduced. To comply with this
15 tendency, a single crystal silicon wafer is isotropically etched,
and a nozzle plate and an elastic plate which are produced another
method are fixed to the etched wafer, thereby configuring a
channel unit. A displacement of a piezoelectric vibrator is
transmitted to the channel unit so as to produce a pressure in a
20 pressure generating chamber, and an ink droplet is ejected from a
nozzle opening by the pressure.

When pressure generating chambers are arranged in high
density, each of the pressure generating chambers has a very small
width. In order to cause the whole of the longitudinal direction